

## W. C. WHITNEY DEAD.

Former Secretary of the Navy  
Passes Away.

He Died Under the Influence of Ether  
Administered Preparatory to a  
Second Operation for  
Appendicitis.

New York, Feb. 3.—William Collins Whitney, former secretary of the navy, died a few minutes after 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home, 871 Fifth avenue. He died while under the influence of ether, administered preparatory to a second operation for appendicitis. By his bedside were his son, Harry Payne Whitney, and his daughter, Dorothy Whitney, as well as Dr. William T. Bull, the chief surgeon in attendance. Mr. Whitney was in his 64th year.

Mr. Whitney was taken ill Friday night at the performance of Rigoletto at the Metropolitan opera house and had to leave before the opera ended. Dr. Walter B. James, the Whitney family physician, was summoned and found that the condition of the patient was such that after consultation an operation was decided upon and was performed by Dr. Bull. The patient rallied so well that it was fully believed he would recover.

Mr. Whitney's condition was very grave, however, on Sunday and Monday, and at a consultation held Tuesday afternoon the conclusion was reached that the only hope for the patient lay in a second operation.

A bulletin issued in the morning stated that there had been a slight im-



William C. Whitney.

provement in the patient's condition, but shortly before 3 o'clock alarming symptoms were noted and hurried preparations were made for a second operation.

Mr. Whitney was placed under the influence of ether, but whether the operation was proceeded with or not is unknown.

When the physicians perceived that the patient was in danger of death Harry Payne Whitney and Miss Dorothy Whitney were immediately notified. They hastened to the side of their father and in a few minutes he had breathed his last. Oxygen was used and all the skill of the physicians and surgeons brought into play to save the life of the distinguished patient, but to no avail. It was 5 o'clock before the simple fact of his death was made public.

Later the following statement was issued: "Mr. Whitney died at 4 o'clock of peritonitis and blood poisoning following an operation for appendicitis." Soon after the death visitors began to call at the house. Among them were Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and ex-Secretary of War Elihu Root.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney were in Thomasville, Ga., when Mr. Whitney's condition became critical, but they left for New York immediately on a special train. A cablegram was sent Saturday to Mrs. Almerich Paget, Mr. Whitney's daughter in London, and it is believed she is now on her way home.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 3.—Mr. Cleveland was deeply moved when he learned of Mr. Whitney's death. To a press representative he said:

"The news of Mr. Whitney's death has greatly shocked me. As I think of him my mind, passing beyond recent years, dwells upon the days of my association with him in high official duty and recalls the time when I had the opportunity to enjoy his unreserved intimacy and friendly companionship. Our relations have never changed, but the exigencies of life have forbidden recent close intercourse.

"Mr. Whitney had more calm, forceful efficiency than any man I ever knew. In work that interested him he actually seemed to court difficulties and to find pleasure and exhilaration in overcoming them. His conquest over the obstacles he encountered in undertaking to build up our navy afforded him greater delight than the contemplation of the great results he achieved in his department of the government. His judgment was quick, clear and astonishingly accurate; and, when it was called into action, his mental poise was so complete that neither passion nor irritation could lead it astray."

### The Porto Rican Delegate.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Resident Commissioner Degetau, of Porto Rico, taking advantage of the enlarged powers granted him by the house, introduced a bill to "expressly declare the citizens of Porto Rico citizens of the United States."

### The New York Exhibit.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—An additional appropriation of \$100,000 will be asked for in bills to be introduced in a few days in the legislature for the New York state exhibit and building at the St. Louis exposition.

### SENATOR HANNA WORSE.

His Condition For a Time Was Considered Alarming.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator M. A. Hanna had a setback late Wednesday afternoon, which for a time considerably alarmed his family, who had been encouraged to hope he was getting to be himself again, but the congestive attack which they feared was averted to some extent by prompt action, and Wednesday night the senator, while not so well as early in the day, showed excellent rallying power and improvement over his condition at sundown. He was seized about 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with a congestive chill, which heretofore has been marked by a rush of blood to the head and coldness of the extremities. Members of the family were on hand at its first attack, and by the prompt application of mustard plasters and hot water the attack was prevented from becoming so serious as it was feared.

At the request of Mrs. Hanna, Dr. Brewer, the New York physician, who has attended the senator and members of his family at intermittent periods for the past 25 years, has been asked to come to Washington for a consultation with the other physicians. Dr. Brewer attended the senator when the latter was ill some weeks ago in New York.

### THE FIRES DRAWN.

Window Glass Factories in Pittsburg Closing Down.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—Fires have been drawn at the window glass factories of the D. O. Cunningham Glass Co. and Cunningham & Co., on the south side, and for the first time in 108 years no window glass will be made in Pittsburg this season unless some arrangement is made between the manufacturers and their workers. The firms mentioned proposed to start on a reduction of about 43 per cent. of the Philadelphia scale and the men refused to consider the proposition.

With the going into bankruptcy of the firm of S. M. McKee & Co. last week and the previous closing of its plants on the south side by the American Window Glass Co., the industry, which had made that district famous for over a century, practically ceases to exist.

### BOXING CONTESTS.

They Will Be Prohibited in Detroit in the Future.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4.—As a result of a conference between Police Commissioner Fowle and Mayor Maybury Wednesday afternoon an announcement was given out that all prize fights or boxing contests of any kind will hereafter be prohibited in Detroit. Tuesday night's fierce fight between Joe Gans and Mike Ward and last week's affair at the Detroit Athletic club when, after Noah Brusse had knocked him out, Benjamin O'Grady, of Buffalo, spent several days in the hospital, is believed to have made the authorities decide to stop the boxing game.

### FRENCH AUTOMOBILISTS.

They Are Taking Much Interest in William K. Vanderbilt's Records.

Paris, Feb. 4.—French automobilists are taking much interest in the motor car records made by William K. Vanderbilt, jr., on the beach track at Ormond, Fla., and are anxious to race against him. M. Coborn, who is well known in sporting circles here, has already challenged Mr. Vanderbilt, and M. Decaters proposed to lower the record made by M. Coborn on a 90-horsepower car, evidently with the intention of racing with Mr. Vanderbilt himself.

### PATHETIC INCIDENT.

Young Man Shot Himself on Being Informed His Wife Was Dying.

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—William Anderson, a young married man of this city, committed suicide under pathetic circumstances. He was informed by a physician that his wife, who had given birth to a daughter, was dying. He immediately picked up a revolver and saying, "If she goes, I'm going too," shot himself through the head. His wife died a few minutes after the shooting and he passed away late Wednesday night. Besides the baby they leave a 4-year-old daughter.

### Sharkey Won in Wrestling Bout.

Boston, Feb. 3.—Tom Sharkey won in the wrestling bout with John Piening before the Criterion Athletic club Tuesday night. The match was for a percentage of receipts and a side wager of \$1,000.

### Aid For Victims' Families.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—Gov. Pennypacker Tuesday issued a proclamation to the citizens of Pennsylvania requesting aid for the families of the victims of the explosion in Harwick mine near Cheswick some days ago.

### No Trouble Anticipated.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The navy department anticipates no trouble from a small band of Colombians who are reported to have crossed into Panama and encamped near Cape Tiburon. They will be kept under close watch, however.

### Two Batteries of Artillery Coming.

Havana, Feb. 4.—The United States army transport Sumner has arrived here from Santiago with the 17th and 19th batteries of artillery on board. The artillerymen here will embark on the Sumner and sail north Thursday.

## FAILED TO AGREE.

The Joint Scale Committee Made  
a Report.

It Is Feared There Will Be a Suspension  
of Work in the Bituminous  
Field, Which Would Be a  
National Calamity.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.—The meeting of the operators and miners in joint conference Wednesday was called Wednesday morning in order that the joint scale committee might report its progress and ask for additional instructions. After the reading of the scale committee's report Mr. Robbins, the leader of the operators, moved an adjournment, after appointing a committee composed of one operator and one miner from each state to fix the date for the next meeting of the joint conference.

This committee will meet in Indianapolis on February 15 to arrange for another meeting of the joint conference.

There was great excitement among the delegates Wednesday when it was seen that the moment for a declaration of a disagreement had arrived. The scale committee reported the present wage scale as their ultimatum and the operators insisting that nothing less than the 1902 scale, which is equivalent to a reduction of 12 per cent. in wages, it is claimed, would satisfy them. Mr. F. L. Robbins, for the operators, arose and quietly moved that inasmuch as it seemed impossible to reach an agreement that adjournment be taken after appointing a joint committee of eight, consisting of one miner and one operator from each of the four states forming the competitive district, to fix a date for a future convention. President Mitchell quietly seconded the motion, expressing the hope that an agreement would be reached. The convention then adjourned, the operators going into executive session.

Prospects for an agreement have been gloomy for two days. The 353 operators and 557 miners have declared they would never accept the terms offered by the opposite side. When the adjournment was taken Wednesday it was the belief that it would be for 30 days.

The possibility of a final disagreement and suspension of work is a topic of conversation among the miners and operators. Leaders on both sides refused to go into discussion of the general effect of a suspension of operation on April 1.

"All I will say at this time," said W. D. Ryan, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois miners and chairman of the joint scale committee, "is that a suspension in the bituminous fields would be a national calamity, and if continued for any length of time would, in comparison of effects, dwarf the anthracite strike into insignificance. Every effort should be made to prevent it. By that I do not mean to say that the miners are afraid of such a conflict, or that their demands should not be strictly enforced. I do not believe it wise at this time further to discuss what the effect would be."

The operators are as reticent as are the miners. W. S. Bogle, the Indiana operator, said:

"This is not the time to discuss such questions, but I will say this much, the country will have almost 60 days in which to prepare for a suspension, if it comes. The other districts produce a great deal of coal, and I do not think that a suspension in April would cause great inconvenience."

### THE TABLEWARE COMBINE.

National Glass Co. Will Be Operated Independently of It.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—The National Glass Co., of this city, has sent out a circular letter notifying the trade that hereafter the factories controlled by it will be operated independently. This practically amounts to a dissolution of the tableware combine which was formed a few years ago. It was capitalized at \$5,000,000 and at first controlled 21 factories in various parts of the country.

### STRIKE AUGMENTED.

Nearly 2,000 More Can Workers Walk Out at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—A general strike of nearly 2,000 employees of the American Can Co. was inaugurated Thursday. Following the strike of 500 employees of one branch Wednesday, committees representing the employees of the other two branches of the company in this city met Wednesday night and decided upon a general strike. A cut to the scale of 1902 in the wages that were raised a year ago is responsible for the walk out.

### Cheswick Mine Relief Fund.

Pittsburg, Feb. 4.—The Iron City Trust Co. was chosen as custodian of the relief fund of the Cheswick mine disaster and will pay 3 per cent. interest on the daily balances. The fund to date amounts to \$33,759.07.

### The Republic of Couanai.

Paris, Feb. 4.—Adolphe Brezet, formerly a captain in the French army and now claiming to be president of what he terms "the republic of Couanai," in South Africa, has arrived here and is seeking to obtain the recognition of his government by France.

### To Cover Damages to Property.

Washington, Feb. 4.—At the suggestion of the general staff, Secretary Taft has asked congress for an appropriation of \$5,000 to cover the damage caused private property by the discharge of heavy artillery.

### FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Regular Session.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Senate—In the senate Monday, Mr. Dietrich (Neb.) made a request for an investigation into charges on which he was tried recently by a federal court in his own state and the senate granted the request, the president pro tem. appointing a committee consisting of Messrs. Hoar, Platt (Ct.), Spooner, Cockrell and Pettus to make the inquiry. The remainder of the day was devoted to an argument by Mr. Morgan in support of the resolution introduced by Mr. Stone directing the senate committee on foreign relations to make an investigation into the Panama revolution. Mr. Morgan again criticized the conduct of M. Bunau-Varilla in connection with the revolt.

House—The proceedings in the house were enlivened by a spirited discussion of the Panama question. Mr. Thayer (dem., Mass.) declared the course of this government in Panama to have been contrary to the provisions of the treaty with New Granada. Mr. Grosvenor (rep., O.) made a vigorous defense of the administration. While a bill proposing relief to an individual from the operations of the act restricting ownership of lands in the territories and the District of Columbia to American citizens was under consideration, Mr. Hepburn asked the minority if they had changed front on this question and why they were now willing to support exemptions from the operations of that act in view of the attitude they assumed at the time of its enactment. Mr. Bartlett (Ga.) asked Mr. Hepburn if the legislation in question was not passed when they had the Cleveland brand of democracy rather than the Bryan brand, as Mr. Hepburn had suggested, whereupon Mr. Hepburn advised the democrats to return to the Cleveland brand.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senate—Mr. Clarke, the new democratic senator from Arkansas, made his first speech in the senate Tuesday. He spoke for two hours and announced his endorsement of every position taken by the president in connection with the Panama revolt and in the negotiation of the treaty with the new state. He even said that in view of the provocation given by Colombia the president might have been expected to go farther than he did in advancing the cause of Panama. He declared that there was more popular support of the course of the president's policy among democrats than among republicans and said that the democratic votes necessary to ratify the treaty were assured. Mr. Fairbanks also spoke in support of the treaty, contending for the irregularity of all the proceedings of the administration on the Isthmus of Panama. The proceedings of the day were opened with prayer by Rabbi Philipson, of Cincinnati.

House—By unanimously agreeing to a resolution amending the rules of the house the resident commissioner to congress from Porto Rico was given additional authority equal in all essential respects to that of a delegate from a territory, the action not requiring the concurrence of the senate. A bill which provided for a "delegate from Porto Rico" passed the house during the last congress, but was amended by the senate to such an extent that it failed. A bill duplicating the action of the house at the last session is now pending but meanwhile Porto Rico will receive under the action taken Tuesday practically all of the benefits extended in the measure. Several hours were spent by the house in passing five private claims bills and the beginning of consideration of the omnibus claims bill.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senate—After almost allowing the amendment to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill providing for a loan of \$4,600,000 to the St. Louis exposition to get through without any discussion whatever the senate Wednesday changed its tactics just as the vote was about to be taken and began a debate on the loan provision, which continued for about four hours, and was still in progress when the senate adjourned for the day.

House—Indiana and Kentucky locked horns in the house Wednesday. The debate, which involved nearly every member of both state delegations, was fast and furious from start to finish. Kentucky demanded of Indiana the return of W. S. Taylor that he might be tried for the assassination of William Goebel. The attack was made by Mr. James (Ky.) and the defense was led by Mr. Crum (Ind.). Partisan feeling rose to an extreme tension. The diplomatic legislation bill was under consideration at the time. Mr. James fired both sides of the house to interest and feeling by declaring at the outset that "the rough rider president" was ridiculous in his message to congress favoring international extradition treaties when one state could not get from another fugitives from justice.

### TRAGIC CLIMAX.

Newly Married Couple Committed Suicide By Taking Poison.

Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 3.—The wedding here last week of Corp. Charles A. Valois, of Company H, 26th United States infantry, home on furlough, and Miss Mabel Steiner, had a tragic climax Monday night when the young couple took poison in a room at Jas. Wynne's rooming house on Franklin street. Mrs. Valois is dead and her husband is in a critical condition. The match was a case of love at first sight, and met the disapproval of the parents of each of them. They left a letter saying that their parents had turned them out and had no place to go, and decided to die together. Mrs. Valois died from a dose of carbolic acid and laudanum.

### President's Message.

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt Wednesday transmitted to congress the correspondence between the United States and Colombia in reference to the purchase of the Panama canal and the part taken in the Panama revolution.

### Will Command South Atlantic Station.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Rr. Adm. Chas. D. Sigsbee was ordered to be detached from the command of the League Island navy yard to assume command of the South Atlantic station in place of Adm. Benjamin F. Lambertson.

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